

advice and consent of the Senate. He shall hold his office until the appointment and qualification of his successor, or until removed in pursuance of the sentence of a court martial. He shall perform such duties and receive such compensation or emoluments as are now or may be prescribed by law. He shall discharge the duties of his office at the seat of government, unless absent under orders, on duty."

Article 65, Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, provides that the Ranking Line Officer shall be in control of the military department of the State, and subordinate only to the Governor in matters pertaining to that department. He performs such duties as pertain to his office, and the other chiefs of staff departments and corps under the regulations and customs of the United States Army. He superintends the preparation and publication of all official forms required for use in the military service of the State; the reports and returns required by the United States; keeps a register of all commissioned officers and the record of enlisted men. He is likewise the custodian of all State and Federal property in use by the organized militia; he is also in control of State appropriations for the maintenance of the organized militia (land and naval); apportions such appropriations and provides for the proper application of funds so as to insure a uniform and consistent disbursement for the progressive benefit of the military establishment of the State.

He also promulgates to the organized militia the orders of the Governor as Commander-in-Chief and provides from time to time appropriate regulations for the government, discipline and maintenance of the military establishment; he also publishes and provides for observance of all federal laws and regulations applicable to the militia of the State.

He is the official channel for communication with the War and Navy Departments on all matters and affairs relating to the federal government's interest in the militia of the State.

He is charged with the care, control and maintenance of all armories owned by the State of Maryland, and all buildings or other property purchased, occupied, leased or rented by or in behalf of the State military forces, which may now or shall hereafter be authorized by law and has all the power and authority necessary or desirable for the purpose aforesaid and with the right to make and enforce all reasonable rules and regulations.

In matters pertaining to the military establishment of the State or the military relations of the State with the United States, communications should be addressed to The Commanding General, Maryland National Guard, Annapolis.

Article 65, Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, authorizes the Governor, as Commander-in-Chief, to have ten aides. The aides to be selected from the commissioned officers of the National Guard and National Guard Reserve, each of them may receive a commission as aide, which, however, shall not add to the actual grade of the officer so appointed, nor shall such officer be relieved from duty with his proper organization, but shall perform all duty pertaining thereto except when actually on duty as aide under the orders of the Governor.